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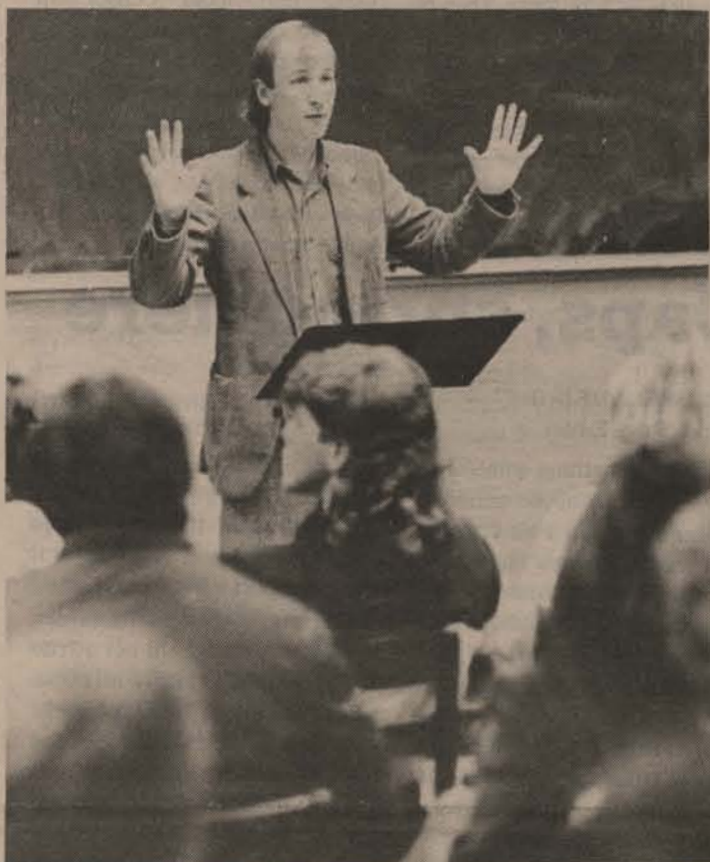


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Joe Kincheloe addresses the 40 Minute Forum audience.

New Right harms freedom of ideas

by BILL BOWEN
& RUSSELL HEDGES

The New Right conservative protest in education is causing self-censorship on the part of teachers, administrators and textbook publishers, according to Dr. Joe Kincheloe, associate pro-

Elections slated

Elections for Student Government president and vice-president will be held Wednesday and Thursday, April 15-16. Anyone interested in running for an SGA office can pick up a qualification form from the door of the SGA office, UC 224.

Elections for two senators from each college will also be held.

The deadline for qualifying is 4 p.m., Wednesday, April 8. The ballot boxes will be in the University Center from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. and in front of Bronson Hall and the BE building from 5 p.m. till 8 p.m.

fessor of education at LSUS and editor of a new book entitled "Politics: The New Right and Education."

Kincheloe, speaking at a Forty-Minute Forum last Tuesday in Bronson Hall, said that self-censorship is restricting the free marketplace of ideas in public schools.

Kincheloe said schools should be a place "where students ultimately make up their own minds after exploring a variety of ideas and perspectives."

Kincheloe said the New Right protest is a reaction to the radicalism of the 1960s. According to the liberationist view of education in the 1960s, Kincheloe said, schools stifled creativity and self-fulfillment.

"The New Right education critics claim that the liberationists or secular humanists were consciously attempting to tear down the traditional Christian method of educating children," Kincheloe said.

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Forums seek opinions

by DOREEN LAFAUCI
Managing Editor

With hopes of gaining student, faculty and community input on how to improve the university, Chancellor Grady Bogue has addressed various student organizations and has announced a series of public forums for early next week.

"What I'm hoping to do is broaden the base of involvement at the university. I want to hear from the students and the faculty to enlarge that reservoir of intelligence," Bogue said.

Bogue began the series of forums this semester to gather ideas on how to improve university services for students already attending LSUS and to improve the attractiveness of LSUS to potential students.

To gain community support and involvement, Bogue announced three open forums scheduled next week: Monday at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., and Wednesday at noon. Any interested student, faculty or community member is invited to attend.

The format of the forums is basically the same: Bogue reiterates a number of projects that the university has already implemented or is planning to pursue in the near future; then he opens the floor for discussion.

Topics include: the Mindpower Scholarship Campaign initiated and sponsored by the Alumni Association; the possibility of privately built and operated student housing; development of cooperative programs with area universities; possible funding

ideas for supporting programs in art, music and drama; the implementation of an NCAA Division-III non-scholarship athletic program; ways to improve university relations with high school counselors and principals; and the possibility of developing an on-campus day care center.

Bogue says his primary goal is to inform student, faculty and community members of those things which are taking place at LSUS; but at the same time, he wishes to elicit their ideas.

Although Bogue had no further invitations from campus organizations as of last Tuesday, he had scheduled a series of 10 faculty forums that took place this past week.

Budget woes not new to LSUS

by DOREEN LAFAUCI
Managing Editor

When the university opened in the late 1960s, there were many challenging problems to face, not unlike those LSUS faces now, said Donald Shipp, former chancellor.

Financial problems have caused the university to lose teachers, raise student tuition and delay plans for a new library. The list goes on, but although the picture for LSUS looks bleak, the university has weathered worse.

In 1969, shortly after the school opened, faculty phones were removed. The quickly growing university had not received an increased budget for that year, Shipp said.

"Fortunately, the state legislature appropriated more funds and we put the phones back in, but it was real close, pretty close."

Shipp said LSUS has always faced a host of problems, but also said these problems have only served to strengthen determination among faculty and students to make LSUS an excellent place of study.

LSUS began as a two-year com-

muter campus. Shipp said the biggest challenge he faced as chancellor was expanding the campus to serve the needs of the Shreveport area.

"We saw need for a four-year college here so all our efforts the first few years, all our energies, went into securing that permission from the boards and the

legislature," he said.

While administration officials were pursuing this goal, Shipp said another set goal was to achieve accreditation for LSUS.

"In a very minimum amount of time we were fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges."

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photo by Bryan Sullivan

Former Chancellor Donald Shipp.

opinions

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Rivalries hurt evangelicals

When Tyler evangelist Garner Ted Armstrong learned that Jimmy Swaggart had initiated an investigation by the Assemblies of God denomination into the personal life of Jim Bakker, he said, "That's shocking. Doesn't the guy go on television and preach forgiveness?"

Yes, Swaggart does preach forgiveness, but doesn't practice it, it seems, when it comes down to forgiving a rival in the world of TV evangelism. He has called Bakker a "cancer" that needs to be exorcised from the body of Christ.

Bakker resigned from his 500,000-member PTL ministry March 19 after admitting he paid blackmail money to cover up a sexual encounter with a 21-year old church secretary in a Florida motel room seven years ago. Bakker's lawyer later charged Swaggart with plotting to take over the PTL. Now Bakker and Swaggart's fellow evangelists are lined up behind one or the other, and the evangelical "holy war" is threatening to split the ranks of the Conservative Christian movement.

The wonder is not that this has happened — the scandal and the choosing of sides — but that it didn't happen sooner.

"This movement was created like an alliance of feudal rulers, whose subjects were all loyal to them personally," said George Marsdan, professor of religion at Duke University and a nationally recognized expert on evangelists.

Bakker and his wife Tammy Faye could count on a lot of loyal subjects. An estimated 13.5 million households tuned into the "Jimmy and Tammy Show." More than six million visited their theme park, Heritage USA, last year. And PTL has a half-million "prayer partners," each of whom pay at least \$15 a month to the ministry.

The Rev. Carl Henry, a leading evangelical theologian who is a key figure in the development of the modern evangelical movement, said, "There's a great deal of ambition. It's very expensive to run those television stations, and if you're behind in your fund-raising for a single week it can be devastating."

Jerry Falwell, founder of the Moral Majority, is now the chairman of the PTL board. Though Falwell is a fundamentalist, it is hoped that his unsullied reputation will save the scandal-ridden PTL ministry. But even Falwell says that forgiveness of Bakker is up to God, and that he would resign if Bakker returned.

It is likely that Bakker will be forgiven by his followers and return to his flock on a path paved with the donations of the faithful. People love to forgive the wayward and welcome the black sheep back into the fold.

If the other TV evangelists don't want to see their coffers depleted by this scandal, they need to lend a helping hand to a fellow brother and show that their spirit of Christian forgiveness is bigger than their lust for money.

Judge's ruling illogical

by BARBARA POWELL
Editor

A group of Christian fundamentalists has taken the Alabama school board hostage. The didn't do it alone, though. They had a helping "Hand."

U.S. District Judge W. Brevard Hand, who has already shown himself sympathetic to fundamentalists, last month banned from Alabama schools 45 textbooks that fundamentalists said promoted secular humanism.

If the books did indeed promote a religion as Hand ruled, they should be taken off school shelves as they would be in violation of the constitutionally mandated separation of church and state.

But Hand's ruling not only smacks of judicial book burning and censorship, it clearly defies all the rules of logic.

This is the same judge who in 1982 upheld two Alabama laws promoting prayer in public schools — his ruling was reversed on appeal. Hand remained undaunted, and vowed to test whether secular humanism was a religion as the fundamentalist defendants in the case had claimed that it was.

The charge was that secular humanism was being taught as a religion in certain textbooks. The fundamentalist plaintiffs were not arguing that the books were not neutral in respect to religion. They were saying that neutrality itself is a religion, one they have labeled secular humanism. And Hand agreed with them, calling the avoidance of any religious reference religious indoctrination.

Hand ruled that the books were in violation of the Establishment Clause because they advance the ideas of man-centered secular humanism as religion. But it was Hand who legally defined secular humanism as a religion.

Fundamentalists have long lumped anything they found offensive to their beliefs under the heading secular humanism. But humanism is a philosophy, not a religion. Yet, the fundamentalists labeled it a religion and redefined it as one that promotes self-decision rather than reliance on God-given values.

And they charged that this mythical, self-defined religion was permeating the school books their children were using. Last October, a judge in Tennessee awarded \$50,000 to fundamentalist parents who felt their children were being "humaniz-

ed" in the classroom. In March, Hand went even further.

He ignored conventional definitions of religion and made up his own. Then he defined secular humanism as a religion. Then he said that because he found the books to be permeated with secular humanism, he was compelled to order the ban.

The religious right was jubilant over the Hand ruling. It had finally found a federal judge who would attack public education

and give its views the force of law.

Though the high courts will probably strike down the ruling, national and local censorship organizations may find it easier to pressure school boards to ban books they find objectionable.

Let's hope the schoolboards stand firm. Otherwise our children will only be able to read books that have the fundamentalists' stamp of approval.

Caps, spring here

by RUSSELL HEDGES
Opinion Page Editor

There is something quintessentially American about sitting in the beer garden at Fair Grounds Field and watching a Shreveport Captain's baseball game.

The Caps open the 1987 season Tuesday night, and I'm glad.

It means that spring is really here — not the false spring that we experienced early last month, but the true spring, when the sound of ball against bat is heard.

The beer garden does not give you the best view of the game in Fair Grounds Field, but on a hot, humid night, the garden can be the best place in the stadium to catch a cool breeze.

And whether or not you are fond of sipping the garden's namesake, it can still be the best place to watch the crowd — which is just as much fun as watching the game.

Fair Grounds Field is one of the finest facilities for fans and players alike in the minor leagues. Last year, with attendance around 150,000 for the season, Shreveport proved that it would support a baseball team.

This may be an un-American thing to say, but I am not a true baseball fan. Oh, I know all about RBIs and batting averages, and I have a fair understanding of the nuances of the game. But I can't quote statistics and if you asked me who won the World Series two years ago, I probably wouldn't be able to tell you.

I don't know baseball trivia at all. If you ask me two months from now who is on top of the American League West Division, I probably won't be able to tell you that either.

But I do know that the Shreveport Captains are on their way back. And I can't wait.

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Music courses still offered

by BARBARA POWELL
Editor

Although the music program has been cancelled at LSUS, some music classes will still be offered in the fall.

Four music classes will be taught: two piano classes, a music appreciation class and a music education class for elementary education majors.

LSUS has never had a music department, but music classes were offered because certain classes were required for education majors. And there was hope that at some time the program would become popular enough to become a full-blown major program, said Dr. Frank Lower, professor of communications.

But the current budget crisis faced by LSUS and declining enrollment figures led to the decision to cut the program.

"We are in tight times," said Lower, "and the board of regents is cutting programs. And we are just not getting the enrollment figures to justify keeping the pro-

gram, especially when the regents are going around looking at programs to cut them."

The decision to cut the music program came from within the department of communications, said Lower.

"What we did was look ahead, and go ahead and fold the program before the regents told us we had to," he said. "My belief is that given the economic picture and the kind of decision the board was faced with we would have been told to do it. It's painful either way, but it's a little more palatable if it's your own decision."

Lower said that the decision as to who will teach the music classes hasn't been made. Even though only four classes will be offered in the fall, Lower said that doesn't mean that the other classes listed in the catalogue will never be offered.

"Maybe at some time," he said, "there will be students that want a program in the catalogue and we will have someone teach it."

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He also said the New Right breaks down the world into a romantic vision of good and evil, where everybody is on one side or the other.

For the New Right, said Kincheloe, that evil manifests itself in the form of secular humanism.

The New Right view is that humanists control the courts, the press and government excluding "true Christians" from the decision-making process, Kincheloe said.

Kincheloe said that although most Americans don't subscribe to that view, "mainstream American thought has moved closer to the fundamental right-wing."

So what does the New Right want? According to Kincheloe, the New Right's educational agenda is the removal of "unsuitable" books from library shelves, the elimination of sex education, the adoption of scientific creationism, stricter discipline, return to traditional teaching methodologies, less bilingual education, less enforcement of civil rights violations, the end of values clarification, the elimination of busing and the

teaching of patriotism.

Kincheloe said that with "with its new power and legitimacy, the New Right has not merely worked to neutralize liberal education programs, but as attempted to use schools for right-wing political objectives" — as they saw liberals doing in the 1960s.

Kincheloe said some educational thinkers have warned against this, calling it a conservative bureaucratization of education.

Kincheloe concluded by saying the New Right is an easy target for criticism, but that there are many lessons to be learned from it. "If the New Right protest serves to make us more introspective about our values and our expectations of schools, it will have served a valuable purpose," he said. "If it causes us only to dig in our heels and focus on its 'easy marks' it will have served only to separate us from one another."

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Barbara Ann Locke gives instructions in melody writing.

Writing tips benefit all students

by KATHY HOHMANN
Staff Writer

You're sitting in freshman composition class. Although your writing has improved, you wonder if there are some special tips that might speed the process along.

According to Ms. Karen Douglass, instructor in the department of English, there are several tips that will benefit the novice, as well as the experienced writer.

READ MORE. Reading what others have written increases your vocabulary. It also teaches you how professional writers use words to clearly express their ideas. If you read good writing, you will soon become more critical and will easily recognize bad writing, including your own.

WRITE MORE. You learn to write by writing. If you had to write everyday, in six months you would be a better writer. You might not be writing well, but you would be gaining confidence and eliminating and correcting the commonest problems.

ACCEPT the NECESSITY FOR REVISION. Even professional writers revise several times — that's why they're called professional writers. After completion of the paper, serious flaws in the arrangement may be more noticeable. But it's best not to revise it immediately after completion. Back off for a day or two, longer, if possible. The more time you have to revise, the better your writing will be.

KNOW YOUR SUBJECT. You must understand the subject about which you are writing. If the subject's not clear to you, it probably won't be clear for your readers.

READ YOUR WRITING

ALoud. Effective writing creates the illusion of speech because if flows. The flow, pace and rhythm will be apparent if you read aloud. Your ear is a better editor than your eye.

FIND OUTSIDE READERS. By the time you complete your paper, you are very familiar with

it; and it can be hard to see an error. An outside reader, especially one who is a writer, is more objective.

"The biggest problem that I find with my students is that they don't read enough," Douglass said.

Question of the week

Do you think the 'Christian cause' has been harmed by the recent behavior of today's televangelists?

Dr. Charlene Handford, assoc. professor of communications: "No. Those who are addicted to watching them (televangelists) will continue to watch them anyway."

Jack Williams, senior, political

science: "Not the true Christian cause — it stands on its own merit. But the self-centered televangelists' cause will be lost."

Chuck Sartori, junior, occupational therapy: "No. If you're a Christian involved in a 'Christian-type' church, you won't be concerned with the televangelists."

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Tonya Edmiston takes in action at IM softball game.

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Shipp said having accomplished both those goals early on and recognizing the need for graduate education in Shreveport, priorities changed.

"There was an obvious need for graduate offerings in Shreveport. We set about securing the necessary approval with focus on the masters degrees in business and administration education.

With this accomplished, and LSUS contained within only two buildings — the library and science buildings — next on the agenda was securing funds for construction and furnishing additional buildings.

Shipp says he sees Chancellor Grady Bogue as very effective. "Every individual has his own style of managing in administering and organizing. I think he (Chancellor Bogue) has done an excellent job administering the university and seeing to its development."

That development and the direction LSUS seems to be taking is pleasing to the former chancellor.

Shipp says he believes that the recently mandated math requirements are a must at LSUS. "Obviously we're living in a highly technical age, and understanding and making use of the technology that is developing all around us requires an increased understanding of basic mathematics. It's certainly justified," he said.

The possibility of LSUS having privately owned and managed dormitories is a goal of the present chancellor; a goal that Shipp favors. Although he agrees that dorms may increase enrollment

at LSUS, Shipp says he, like Bogue, does not see dorms here influencing enrollment figures at other area universities.

"Twenty years ago there was a great deal of speculation about LSUS taking students from Centenary. Well they have more students now than they had then. They (the students) go there because that's where they wanted to go and there are probably no other considerations involved," Shipp said. "I think after twenty years the university has established itself and it's time to look into the matter of securing dormitories. The campus is ready for that now."

Shipp said he also favors the administration's decision to pursue a Division III athletic program and added that he does not believe LSUS' reputation of being an academically-strong school would be dampened by such a program.

"The long time pressure to compete and win won't be there. I really don't think that an athletic program has to interfere with academics."

LSUS is currently undertaking several activities to improve university relations with students, faculty and community members, such as Chancellor Bogue's current open forums. Shipp said he views this beneficial for all.

Shipp said he couldn't think of anything he would change at LSUS. "We were very fortunate to recruit a good faculty to start with. We were all of the same mind, with our primary mission to develop a school with a good academic reputation — which we did and continue to do."

Aliteracy problem grows as population reads less

by KATHY HOHMANN
Staff Reporter

Although people are improving their reading skills, more people are choosing not to read, according to Barbara Decker, associate professor of education. The correct term for this problem is aliteracy.

Dr. Decker's article, "Aliteracy: How Teachers Can Keep Johnny Reading," was published in the December issue of the Journal of Teacher Education, which is the official journal of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

Literacy skills are being taught in the classroom and students know how to read, but they choose not to, said Decker.

"One of the biggest reasons (that students choose not to read) is because skills are being taught in a segmented manner, so students will pass their reading skill tests, but reading needs to be integrated into comprehension skills. Students should learn to read for information and pleasure," Decker said.

Basic reading skills must be practiced by reading, or eventually, poor reading skills will result. In today's society, the ability to read is necessary to

make decisions independently. Because of the overabundance of information available, critical thinking and reading skills are necessary to sort through the information.

Although many sources of information are available, more people are relying on television as their sole source. While television provides a valuable service, in-depth coverage is often not available. Reading newspaper editorials and weekly news magazines can broaden understanding and present differing viewpoints which creates an enlightened public.

Unfortunately, many of today's children find no need to be literate, according to Decker. Video tapes and television can supply entertainment and learning, but those mediums cannot help to develop reading skills. Vocabulary enrichment is not encouraged — the word variety on television is extremely limited.

"It is reasonable to assume that the entire lexicon of TV programming is under 5,000 words — which is approximately the number in a first grader's vocabulary," Decker said, adding that figurative language is also limited.

Decker believes that parents

and teachers can encourage reading by exposing children to good literature and by reading to them; they will be badly handicapped in the future if they cannot read, because reading is critical to almost every career.

"A truly literate person knows that it is imperative to the quality of life that we read for pleasure, self-edification and personal problem solving," Decker said.

Breaux to speak

Sen. John Breaux will be in Shreveport on April 14 to address an appreciation dinner for the University Associates, the honor group of businesses and individuals who support LSUS.

Breaux will speak after a black-tie reception and dinner that begins at 6:30 p.m. at East Ridge Country Club. The event is being hosted by Associates President John W. Turk Jr. and Mrs. Turk and by LSUS Chancellor E. Grady Bogue and Mrs. Bogue.

Begun five years ago during presidency of Horace Ladymon, the dinner seeks to honor the work and contributions of the members of the Associates.

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Student fines total \$2,600

by MARK HEDGES
Staff Reporter

In 1986, the Noel Memorial Library accumulated over \$2,600 through late book fines, according to Library Director Malcolm Parker.

The largest single fine was \$51, from a student who had 17 overdue books.

Parker said the current policy regarding fines has been in effect for 21 years. Late fees are not assessed if a student returns the book during the 10-day grace period.

Also, he said, the library mails out letters reminding students of overdue books in an effort to get students to bring the books back before the grace period ends.

After the grace period, the fine is a flat \$3, along with the price of the book. If the student returns the book, then only the fine is owed.

Parker said that they (the

Library staff) had considered a daily rate with no grace period, but the paperwork involved would have required additional staff, therefore he favors the grace period.

"We are not here to make money, we're here to lend books," Parker said.

The most popular excuse that students use when returning overdue books is, "I forgot" and "I didn't get the letter," he said.

One student, a grocery store employee, accidentally put his library book in a customer's bag of groceries. Luckily, the customer brought the book back to the library.

Another student brought back what was left of his book — after it had fallen from his motorcycle and was run over by a car.

And then there are some students who don't have a book to return. Dogs seem to enjoy chewing on library books and more than one student has had to pay



Robert Goodacre checks out library books.

photo by Mitch Herrington

for their dog's unusual appetite.

Parker said that library fines go into a general school fund, and the library receives no direct benefit from them.

Library fines can be paid in the business office in the Administration Building.

Cheating story causes concern

by DONALD GARRETT
Sports Editor

A recent Almagest article on the problem of cheating at LSUS has caused some concern among the faculty and staff of the College of Liberal Arts.

Dean Mary McBride, of the College of Liberal Arts, passed out copies of the article at a recent meeting of all the department heads and the problem of student cheating was discussed. The department heads then discussed the problem with all members of the Liberal Arts

faculty.

"I feel that cheating is an isolated problem on this campus," McBride said, "but I am deeply concerned because it involves ethical and moral issues that strike at the very heart of education. We see cheating in government, on Wall St. and in every walk of life, including the church. Therefore, it would be very naive of anyone to think that cheating does not occur at LSUS, but that doesn't take away my concern because a university is dedicated to learning and cheating defeats the whole pur-

pose."

If cheaters were only hurting themselves then they would be getting what they deserved, but the cheaters are also cheating other students and that is where our greatest concern lies, said McBride.

"I would like to see students take a greater role in policing the cheaters—make it your business, develop an Honor Code and make it work. The students would be far more effective at stopping the cheating than the faculty or administration could ever be," McBride said.

LSUS offers U.S. and foreign tour

LSUS offers independent studies which may be pursued off-campus, either in the United States or abroad. Tours are offered on a credit or non-credit bases.

The options available to students include the literature and landscape of Britain, traveling through Kent, the Lake District and Scotland. Tours are from 3-9 weeks beginning June 13 and running through August 6, 1987.

Student accommodations for the tour include: trans-atlantic airlight from Shreveport, breakfast everyday, dinner most

evenings, entrances to 30 castles and stately homes, private transportation on daily excursions, boat rides, and more. Total costs to the student is \$2,459.

The University of London is the home base for the European tours where students will stay in the dormitories which are conveniently located for visiting the British Museum and many other cultural sites.

Students wishing to stay in a hotel rather than at the University of London must pay \$2,666 for a three week stay.

Dr. John Hall, professor of geography at LSUS, will be the

instructor for the London tour and he sees a distinct advantage in taking the independent studies tour rather than going as a regular tourist.

The advantage is that we are able to explain the significance of what you see during the tour," Hall said. "For example, we are more than likely, although many tours are available, to be the only ones who will give travelers detailed background information that will make the cultural and historical significance of each site visited more apparent to them."

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Camp counselors needed

The Shreveport Kiwanis Club is looking for camp counselors to staff Camp Kiwanis (Mooringsport, La.).

Three five-day sessions have been scheduled: June 8-12, June 22-26 and June 29-July 3.

The Kiwanis Club needs mature students who are interested in working with young boys and girls, ages 7 to 13. Persons certified in senior lifesaving are preferred.

Responsibilities will include monitoring 15 children in their cabin (with one other counselor to help), rotating pool duty, canoeing, fishing, intramurals, arts & crafts, shooting guns and special night programs.

Counselors must furnish their own transportation and must be interested in teaching camping skills to the children. Salaries are available. For an interview, call Learohn Caldwell at 687-9665 after 6 p.m. or send resume to 7403 Prestbury Ct., Shreveport, La., 71129.

BSU

BSU Spring Assembly is just around the corner and anyone wishing to go may sign up at the Baptist Student Center. It will be held at Dry Creek, La. April 24-26 and will cost \$15. Further information may be obtained from any BSU council member.

Zeta day

Congratulations to Zeta Tau Alpha sorority for winning the service and activities awards at "Zeta Day" in New Orleans.

Diana Murcia, membership chairman of the LSUS chapter, is the 1986-87 "Zeta Lady" of Louisiana.

Business seminar

April 16 is the deadline for signing up for the "How to Start a Business in Your Home" seminar set for April 23 at LSU in Shreveport.

The seminar, to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., is a how-to program for people who have contemplated working and staying home at the same time.

The event is being sponsored by the LSUS Small Business Development Center in cooperation with the LSUS College of Business Administration and Division of Continuing Education, the Small Business Administration and the Louisiana State Department of Commerce.

Seminar fee is \$60, payable by check to LSUS through the Office of Conferences and Institutes at 8515 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA, 71115.

For a registration form or further information call 797-5144 or 797-5262.

Williams published

An article by Dr. Michael Williams, associate professor of German at LSU in Shreveport, appears in the January issue of *College Literature*.

The article, "The Hound of Fate in *Madame Bovary*," examines Flaubert's use of canine imagery in *Madame Bovary*, with particular attention given to the figure of the controversial blind beggar.

An earlier version of the article was presented as a paper at the conference of the Arkansas Philological Association during the fall semester.

Williams, a member of the LSUS faculty since 1969, holds the A.A. degree from Kilgore College, the B.A. and M.A. degrees from Stephen F. Austin and the Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina.

Rath

Dr. Sura Rath, assistant professor of English at LSU in Shreveport, is guest editor of the winter issue of the *South Central Review*, just released by the South Central Modern Language Association. The publication is the official journal of the SCMLA.

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David Simmons observes graffiti on UC wall prior to its removal. photo by Mark Hedges

Campus graffiti removed at \$300 cost

by MARK HEDGES
Staff Reporter

The graffiti that was sprayed on various campus buildings in February was removed last Saturday at a cost of over \$300.

Director of the Physical Plant Burt Farrar said that removal of the graffiti was delayed because special bids had to be written to assure that a non-fading or non-staining procedure would be used

in removing the paint.

This type of vandalism is taken very seriously by Director of Safety and Security Tim Poston, who said that, if caught, persons performing this type of crime would be arrested and charged with vandalism, which usually carries a fine and or restitution and possible jail term.

Poston said that campus police had observed a car near the area where the vandalism occurred, but before the officers reached

the scene, the car had left campus.

"With the average age of LSUS students being over 25," Poston said, "this keeps this type of crime down at LSUS."

Poston said that the graffiti was probably not the work of LSUS students.

Anyone having any information about this crime should contact Poston in Ad. 118 (797-5170). Poston said all callers names would be kept confidential.

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features

Seminar provides handicapping tips

by ANDY SALVAIL
Features Editor

Since the start of the Louisiana Downs racing season is only three weeks away, now is the time to brush up on your handicapping skills.

Ray Doughty, publisher of the horse-racing tout sheet *The New Track Record*, held a handicapping seminar Wednesday night at the Chateau Motor Hotel in downtown Shreveport. Guest speakers included veteran La. Downs trainer Albert Toups and jockey Angelo Trosclair, who ranked third in overall wins at La. Downs last season.

Doughty opened the seminar with advice on exotic wagering.

"The 'Pick Six' is a bad bet," he said. "Play it for \$2 but don't invest your life savings trying to win it."

Doughty believes that exacta wagering is the best way to make money at the racetrack — if they are properly played.

The handicapping techniques that he uses rely on published information from the bible of

racetrack gambling, *The Daily Racing Form*.

Doughty cited several key factors which may point to a horse's readiness to win:

(1) In maiden races, consider any horse dropping in class from a Maiden Special Weight race to a Maiden Claiming Race. Also, maiden horses that have placed 2nd in their last performance warrant a strong bet.

(2) A horse coming back to race after only a five-day layoff indicates that the trainer senses that his horse is in top form.

(3) Don't bet on a horse that hasn't raced within 31 days of his last race, unless his charts show four recent workouts.

(4) Never bet on a filly if she's racing against colts or horses. "They can't race with the boys," Doughty said.

(5) Look strongly at any horse which closed three lengths during the stretch run of his last race, and is dropping slightly in class.

(6) A horse that has had a five-furlong workout within six days of today's race is being geared up for the race by his trainer.



Local rhythm & blues masters "Cadillac Jack" will perform at Edwards St. Grocery on April 10.

Doughty said that although these factors can lead to profitable wagers, anything can happen in a horse race. "If you bet a horse with the proper credentials and it loses, check the daily newspaper charts to see what may have happened to him — he might've been bumped or he could've broken poorly from the gate."

Trainer Al Toups said he prefers to race geldings. "Many horses are bothered as studs," he said. "They never relax."

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sports

Jackie Robinson broke the unbreakable barrier

by DONALD GARRETT
Sports Editor

Forty years ago the Black Knight of Brooklyn made his gallant charge against the unbreakable barrier — and the barrier fell.

In 1947 Jackie Robinson became the first black man to play Major League Baseball. What he endured is often taken for granted now. But America in the late 1940s was, in many ways, an ugly place to live.

Long-held racial prejudice and beliefs were the accepted norm. Separate, but equal, was the motto of the time.

Robinson lived in an America saturated by racial inequality, where things were separate, and certainly not equal for blacks. In many cities and towns across the country there were restrooms and water fountains labeled colored and white, places where blacks had to enter through the back door (if at all), and where blacks had to always ride in the back of the bus.

Like Joe Louis before him, Robinson carried the hope of his race on his shoulders against the waves of racial prejudice. Robinson kept his fierce pride in check, locked his jaw shut against the inevitable taunts and blazed a path of glory across the ballfields of America.

Robinson was a gifted baseball player, but he was also a most extraordinary human being who endured the storm of racial hatred in its most vicious form to play baseball at its highest level.

And what Robinson did was not easy — it was indeed an epic struggle of courage and fortitude. Jackie Robinson was subjected to every kind of harassment that was possible.

Racial epithets and slurs were hurled at Robinson on and off the field. His family was terrorized by threats and accusations.

Robinson himself received many death threats.

On the field, Robinson received abuse from fans and players alike. Fans threw things at Robinson while shouting taunts, and players laughed at the actions of the idiots in the stands. Opposing pitchers threw fastballs at his head. On the basepaths players went out of their way to spike him.

Robinson knew that the country was waiting for him to explode and fight back against the abuse being heaped on him, but fighting back would have meant the end of black players in Major League Baseball. So Robinson fought back in the only way he could, by playing baseball so well that his peers accepted him as a baseball player and not just as a black man fighting to forever change the structure of the game.

And Robinson played so well during the 1947 season that he, a black man, was voted by his peers as the very first recipient of the Annual Rookie of the Year Award. Jackie Robinson went on from his rookie season to complete a sterling 10-year career, with a lifetime batting average of .311, 137 home runs, 734 RBIs and 197 stolen bases.

In 1962 Robinson was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. His baseball statistics alone made him worthy of Hall of Fame selection. But what Robinson accomplished in shattering baseball's color barrier far transcended anything he did on the field.

Because of Robinson's incredible will to succeed in 1947, no matter what the cost, all black athletes were given the opportunity to play baseball. And the history of the game has been forever changed by men like Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, Reggie Jackson and Lou Brock. Each of them owes an unpayable debt to

the memory of Jackie Roosevelt Robinson.

Forty years ago, destiny reached out and touched Robinson on the shoulder and he answered the call. America is a better country today because he did, for Robinson's deeds helped pave the way for the civil rights movement of the next decades.

Robinson died of a heart attack in 1972, but his place in history is secure. He is the Black Knight of Brooklyn, a lone man, who charged against the unbreakable barrier and broke it.

May the doors he opened never be shut again.



photo by Mitch Herrington

David Rasco, of Those Guys, takes a mighty swing and misses in IM action.

Intramural softball race heats up

by RODNEY MALLET
Sports Reporter

Tuesday's action was a day of close games. Kappa Sig beat FAY 13-11 and the Destroyers won over Phi Delt 8-7. The other Tuesday game was a rout, as Phi Van Halen beat ROTC 12-1. Kap-

pa Alpha had the day off.

13-4.

Wednesday's action was marred by forfeits. Faculty won when the Cobras forfeited and the Delta Sig-Phi Mu combo Delta Sigs forfeited to ROTC. In the games played, Those Guys defeated Pi were played, HPE lost to BSU 11-6 and the 69ers walloped 6 and the Bruthas beat LA Dream BSU 15-6.



Are You Ready For Swimsuit Season?

Swimsuit season is just around the corner and it is now time to shape up, not cover up. 1987 is the year of the swimsuit, not the swimsuit coverup.

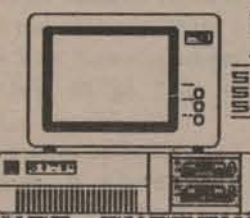
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